

What is claimed is:

1. A watercraft comprising:
 - a shell comprising a transom;
 - a tunnel defined by the shell, the tunnel extending forwardly from the transom, the tunnel being defined laterally by the shell, the tunnel having at least an open bottom and rear,
 - a ride plate mounted to the shell at the bottom of the tunnel;
 - an internal combustion engine supported by the ride plate and disposed in the tunnel; and
 - a jet pump operatively connected to the internal combustion engine, supported by the ride plate, and disposed in the tunnel.
2. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the shell defines a top of the tunnel.
3. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine is installed in the watercraft from below.
4. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine is installed in the watercraft from the rear of the watercraft.
5. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the ride plate forms a continuous surface with an underwater portion of the shell.
6. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the tunnel is sealed off from an interior of the shell.
7. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the ride plate is flexibly mounted to the shell.
8. The watercraft of claim 1, further comprising one of a battery, engine electronics, and a fuel tank disposed in the shell, wherein the one of a battery, engine electronics, and fuel tank is operatively connected to the engine.
9. The watercraft of claim 1, further comprising an airbox disposed in the shell, wherein the airbox operatively connects to the engine.
10. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine comprises an engine oil pan mounted to the ride plate.
11. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine comprises an engine oil pan integrally formed with the ride plate.
12. The watercraft of claim 1, further comprising gearing and a clutch operatively disposed between the engine and the jet pump.

13. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine is inclined about its longitudinal axis such that the engine is disposed at an angle with respect to a vertical axis.

14. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine is disposed above the jet pump, wherein the engine includes a crankshaft, wherein the jet pump includes a driveshaft, and wherein the driveshaft and crankshaft occupy overlapping longitudinal positions on the watercraft.

15. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine includes a crankshaft and the jet pump includes a driveshaft, and wherein the crankshaft and driveshaft are parallel to each other.

16. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine comprises a crankcase that is integrally formed with the ride plate.

17. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the jet pump comprises an intake area that is at least partially integrally formed with the ride plate.

18. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the jet pump comprises an intake area, and the engine comprises a crankcase that is at least partially integrally formed with the intake area.

19. The watercraft of claim 1, wherein the engine comprises a crankcase, and the jet pump comprises a driveshaft that is supported by the crankcase.